

His Ward

By EMILY G. BOND

John Wilkins, a bachelor of forty, living in his own house, which was taken care of by an old woman who had been in the family for many years, sat down to breakfast alone. Several letters that had just been brought by the postman lay on the table, one of which was from a firm of lawyers, informing him that by the will of the late Edward Burroughs he (Wilkins) was appointed guardian to the deceased's daughter, Alice.

"Ned Burroughs dead!" exclaimed Wilkins, much affected by the news, and for a time he gave himself up to reflections upon the loss of a chum of his younger days. Burroughs had gone to live in a different place. They had corresponded for awhile, but that inevitable separator, continued absence, had come between them, and for ten or fifteen years they had not met.

Presently the purport of the letter, his guardianship, occurred to him. He could not think of Burroughs as any older than when he last saw him and assumed that his ward was a little girl.

What this guardianship meant, whether he was expected to take care of his ward's property or his ward herself he had no idea, but his mind was soon set at rest upon opening another letter, from his ward herself, which informed him that she was without a relative in the world that she had ever seen and did not know what to do.

It seemed to Wilkins that he must see the child and learn something about her property—if she had any—and how she was to live. But just then he found it inconvenient to get away. He wrote her that the only thing for her to do was to come to him. He told her how he was situated and that Mrs. Hawkins, his housekeeper, would take excellent care of her. A reply to this letter informed him that Alice would arrive in a few days. Wilkins told Mrs. Hawkins to prepare for her reception.

"How old is she?" asked the housekeeper.

"How old is she? I don't know. She may be five or six or ten or eleven or something like that."

Mrs. Hawkins asked no more questions, but prepared a bedroom for the little girl adjoining her own in case Alice were still too young to sleep entirely alone. Perhaps she wouldn't care to sleep alone anyway.

On the morning of Alice's arrival Wilkins told his housekeeper that he would have a busy day and must rely on her to meet his ward at the station. He would send a carriage to the house at a certain hour. Mrs. Hawkins was to bring Alice home, and he would be on hand for a 6 o'clock dinner.

He was so much occupied during the day that he scarcely gave the matter a thought, but on his way home he remembered it and wondered what he would do with a child in the house. However, he could tell nothing about the matter till he had seen his ward.

On entering his living room he was surprised to see a young woman dressed for dinner sitting there writing. It did not occur to him that she was Alice Wilkins. But who was she?

The young lady rose—she was apparently about nineteen—and advanced to meet him. She seemed herself somewhat taken aback at his appearance.

"I'm waiting for Mr. Wilkins," she remarked.

"Beg pardon. Will you tell me—who you are?"

"I'm Mr. Wilkins' ward."

"You? Mr. Wilkins' ward? I am Mr. Wilkins."

"Dear me! I expected to meet a person the age of my father."

"Your father was just my age."

"Papa was forty. You don't look much over thirty."

During this brief dialogue a very pleasurable sensation was welling up in the bosom of Mr. Wilkins, and at the same time he was perplexed at the result of the mistake.

"Well," he said, after a welcome grasp of the hand, "you're here, and here you have to stay till we can settle what you're to do. Fortunately, Mrs. Hawkins will make a very good chaperon and will take care of you admirably. Has she made you comfortable?"

"She has."

"I'll be ready for dinner in a few minutes."

It seemed that evening to Mr. Wilkins that his dining room looked different from ever before. The lights burned brighter, the dinner tasted better, the flowers on the table smelled sweeter. Wilkins took up the subject of his ward's future, but made no progress in settling it. As to her fortune, her father had left her nothing, and she must either marry or make her own living.

After dinner the two adjourned to the library and continued to seek for a solution of the problem. About 11 o'clock Wilkins said:

"If I were ten or fifteen years younger we might find a way out, a very desirable way—to me."

Mrs. Burroughs made no verbal reply to this, but cast her eyes down to the floor. Mr. Wilkins maintained a prolonged silence. Both were thinking hard.

"You might make your home here," he said at last. Still the girl made no reply. "But you would have to marry me."

Silence.

"Will you?"

"Yes."

WOMEN LEAVE THE HALL

When Gov. Bleese Shouts "To Hell With Constitution"

HE DEFENDS LYNCHING

Before the Conference of Governors—He Would Resign His Commission to Defend the Virtue of the Women of His State.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 6.—Many women who were attending the conference of governors yesterday hurriedly left the hall when Governor Bleese of South Carolina, for a second time defending his doctrine of lynching negroes guilty of criminal assault, shouted, "To hell with the constitution."

Gov. Carey of Wyoming had asked Gov. Bleese if he had not taken oath to uphold the constitution and laws of his state, and if these laws did not protect negroes as well as whites.

Bleese answered "When the constitution steps in between me and the defense of the virtue of white women in my state, I will resign my commission, tear it up and throw it to the breeze. As I have heretofore said, 'To hell with the constitution.'"

When the women left the hall, Bleese subsided.

BLAMES ATLANTIC STATES FOR RENO

Gov. Oddie Declares Nevada Doesn't Welcome Divorce

Richmond, Va., Dec. 6.—Four or five Atlantic coast states in which divorce laws are antiquated and correspondingly harsh, are largely responsible for the existence of the Reno divorce colony, according to Gov. Oddie of Nebraska, who addressed the governors' conference today, pleading for uniform marriage and divorce laws.

Oddie urged that the states co-operate on treatment of marriage and divorce in a sociological manner.

"It is high time," he asserted, "that the courts put aside the musty precedents which served absolutely different conditions in time immemorial. Inasmuch as the Nevada divorce law was enacted 51 years ago, it is obvious that the author of the act had no idea of commercializing the dissolution of marriage contracts in other states."

"Nevada does not want that divorce business. The result of the recent state elections shows how the people feel on the subject. I shall recommend to the next Legislature that the residence section of the act be amended so that a bona fide residence of one year be required, instead of the six months which now answers."

Gov. Oddie urged that the uniform state law should include the requirement that a physician's certificate, showing physical fitness, accompany any application for a marriage license and that such applications be published in advance of their granting.

HELP SCARCE.

And Maine Lumbering Operations Hampered.

Bangor, Me., Dec. 6.—Unfavorable conditions in the woods and a scarcity of men for the lumber camps are seriously hampering lumbermen in getting out the winter's cut of timber in Northern Maine. The snow came so early that the ground was not frozen and for this reason many of the wood roads are reported to be almost impassable. In some places where plans had been made to operate on low lands or in swampy country, lumbermen report that they have been obliged to abandon the work entirely.

The swamps are filled with water and the heavy covering of snow, in some places 18 inches deep, will prevent them from freezing sufficiently to allow the men to go on them and get out the timber.

COLORADO'S BLIZZARD.

From One to Three Feet of Snow In State and In Wyoming.

Denver, Dec. 6.—The blizzard which swept Colorado and Wyoming yesterday and last night subsided early today, leaving from one to three feet of snow in its wake.

During the blizzard street car and railroad traffic in Denver was demoralized. From the mountain regions reports came to-day of considerable suffering. There is a danger for prospectors who are in the hills.

The temperature in Wyoming is rapidly falling and zero weather is expected before night.

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INDICTMENT AGAINST SUGAR TRUST DISMISSED

Governor Saw Very Little Chance to Convict—Age of Five Men an Aid to Them in Escaping Prosecution.

New York, Dec. 6.—Judge Hough, in the United States district court, yesterday dismissed the indictment against the sugar trust.

The indictment, which was returned July 1, 1909, was found on the trust's act in closing the Pennsylvania Sugar Refining company in 1903.

United States District Attorney Wise made the statement that John E. Parsons and the other five living defendants were advanced in years, and that he was of the opinion that to bring the case again to trial would be a useless waste of time and money, as he believed a new trial would not result in convictions. He said he had the approval of Attorney-General Wickersham in recommending that the indictment be dismissed.

Mr. Wise said that the government had not proved any affirmative act by any defendant within three years prior to the date the indictment was returned. The defendants against whom the indictment was found were John E. Parsons, Washington Thomas, George Frazier, Arthur Donner, and John May. Originally there were three others indicted—Charles H. Smith, Gustave E. Kiffel, and Henry C. Havemeyer. They have died.

Thomas B. Harned was granted immunity for testifying for the government.

SCORES GRANTING OF WATER RIGHTS

Taxpayers Should Receive Benefits of Resources, Asserts Stimson.

Washington, Dec. 6.—Secretary of War Stimson, by inference yesterday scored the promiscuous granting of valuable water rights to private interests in an address before the national rivers and harbors congress.

"Taxpayers of this country should get the benefits from these resources," he declared. "I am greatly interested in the question of building of levees on the Mississippi river. I thoroughly believe this should be a national question. It was brought to my attention by the recent floods down there when the war department went to the relief of hundreds. The control of the Mississippi comes nearer to us than the work at Panama."

Representative Stephen Sparkman, chairman of the House committee on rivers and harbors, predicted that within one or two more decades the United States would have the greatest number of fine harbors and navigable streams of any nation in the world.

"This country has spent something like \$700,000,000 for the improvement of its rivers and harbors," he said. "We now have 25,000 miles of navigable waters."

COL. HARVEY FOR ENGLAND.

Report Published Here Is Not Taken Seriously.

New York, Dec. 6.—According to a cable message published here from London the name of Col. George Harvey has been added to the long list of possible successors to Mr. Whitelaw Reid as ambassador to Great Britain. Col. Harvey was not in his office at Harper Bros. yesterday morning and his private secretary said that it was unlikely that Col. Harvey would say anything concerning the rumor. It was said that the colonel was at his country place in New Jersey and that he might not come up to town until to-day.

BENTON FIRST WITNESS.

New Hampshire Public Service Commissioner on Stand.

New York, Dec. 6.—The secret investigation of the grand jury into the unlawful traffic agreement between the Grand Trunk railway of Canada and the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad was continued here yesterday. The investigation was instituted to determine if the Sherman anti-trust law had been violated.

The first witness was Public Service Commissioner Benton of New Hampshire, who recently made a complaint to Attorney-General Wickersham in regard to the traffic agreement.

GIVES WARNING TO GOSSIPERS

Woman Slayer Tells of the Harm They Do

IS HELD FOR MURDER

Mrs. Lang Pleads Guilty to Killing Another Woman—Husband Loyal and Says He'll Get Her Free.

Logansport, Ind., Dec. 6.—Mrs. Elizabeth Clark Lang, who, on her wedding day shot and killed Mrs. Mary Cople because Mrs. Cople gossiped about her, pleaded guilty to manslaughter in court yesterday. The plea was made by agreement with the prosecutor, who advised the woman to take her chances on the lesser charge rather than face an indictment for first degree murder. Sentence was deferred temporarily.

Joseph Lang, the prisoner's husband, announced that he would not object to his wife's plea of guilty. "I'm going to get her out of prison and take her away and start all over," he said.

"You're too good for me, Joe," said Mrs. Lang. "You get a divorce as soon as I am sentenced and maybe you'll find some other girl who will not cause you trouble. Let them bury me in prison. Don't waste any money hiring lawyers for me."

"If people knew what harm gossip caused they would hold their tongues," she said. "No matter what a woman's past has been, I would like to tell every one that none got so bad that they don't long to be good."

The public sympathizes with Mrs. Lang but strongly condemns her father, James Clark, who, it developed, threatened his daughter with exposure of her past if she persisted in marrying Lang. "I did threaten Lizzie with exposure," said Clark, who is held as a witness, "and I am sorry. But I did not want her to leave me. I believed like she did that if Mr. Lang kept hearing things about her he would leave her."

In a further appeal against gossip Mrs. Lang said:

"I entreat people to keep their tongues off a woman when she is trying to do right, no matter what her past has been. Sometimes a woman does wrong and reaches the turn in the road when she sees she is doing wrong and wants to turn around and go back. The road back is thorny enough without others making it worse."

EXPERTS BELIEVE HICKEY IS SANE

Think That the Outbursts Are Made With Idea of Bolstering Up the Plea of Insanity.

Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 6.—That the medical experts, who have examined J. Frank Hickey, confessed slayer of little boys, have decided that he is perfectly sane and that his recent outbursts have been carefully planned in order to bolster up an insanity defense when he is tried for the brutal murder of seven-year-old Joseph Josephs, was reported here yesterday.

Drs. J. W. Putnam and I. W. Wilson, alienists, who examined the accused, have submitted their report to the district attorney. Dr. H. G. Matzinger, assigned by the court to examine the prisoner, visited Hickey for the first time yesterday.

The prosecution is certain it will be able to upset any plea of insanity and show that Hickey was in full possession of his faculties when he murdered the little Josephs boy at Lackawanna.

SEA SWEEPS OVER CEMETERY.

Bodies of Earthquake Victims Are Washed Away.

Rome, Dec. 6.—Lashed by a furious storm the sea invaded the cemetery at Messina, where victims of the 1908 earthquake were buried, and hundreds of bodies were washed away.

Wilson's Plurality 2,709.

Providence, Dec. 6.—Gov. Woodrow Wilson's plurality in Rhode Island at the last election was 2,709 as shown by the completion of the official count yesterday by the state returning board. The president-elect polled 30,412 votes, while President Taft received 27,703 and Theodore Roosevelt 16,678.

Kramers Plead to Murder Charge.

Chicago, Dec. 6.—Charles Kramer, alias Conway, and his wife, Mrs. Beatrice Ryall Kramer, pleaded not guilty to the indictment charging them with the murder of Miss Sophia Singer, of Baltimore, who was found dead in a South Side rooming house last October.

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Austrian Archduke's Infant Son Christened—Call Him Charles.

Vienna, Dec. 6.—The infant son of Archduke Charles Francis Joseph was given seventeen names, beginning with Charles Francis Joseph Otto.

IN THE REALM OF FASHION

A Charming Juvenile Frock.

The illustration shows a modish frock suitable for a child of from eight to twelve years. Fine navy blue serge is used, and the frock is made with a vest effect, showing a tucked gimp of white batiste.

The frock boasts an up to date collar of blue self tone silk finished with a

narrow plaited ruffle of the same. The vest is of the silk also, as are the girdle and cuffs. The little gored skirt opens on the left to display a narrow panel of the blue silk, while around the bottom of the skirt is a bias band of the same.

Black Velvet Roses.

One of the latest accessories to the Parisian woman's toilet is a black velvet rose. The petals are exceedingly large and drooping. It gives a costume a dash which is chic and charming.

Black Laces Smart.

Much attention is being shown to black laces. This is especially true of the handsome black chantilly laces and flouncings which are used over colored silks.

Combination Muffs.

New muffs for the winter are composed entirely of fur. The combination of satin and fur which was used so much last winter is a thing of the past.

High Gimpes.

All frocks have close fitting gimpes made to cover the neck up to the ears. For these much of the metallic thread and embroidery will be used.

Gingerbread Recipe—Mix together one tablespoonful of butter, half cup sugar, half cup molasses, half cup sour milk, and one egg. Stir together two cups flour, half teaspoonful salt, one teaspoonful soda, three-fourths of teaspoonful of baking soda. Mix all thoroughly and bake twenty minutes. Just before removing from stove glaze top with either butter or drippings. This gives a fine crisp crust.

Nut Cookies—Two tablespoons butter, one quarter teaspoon sugar, one egg, one teaspoon baking powder, one-quarter teaspoon salt, one-half cup flour, one tablespoon milk, one-half cup finely chopped nuts, one-half teaspoon lemon juice. Cream the butter, add sugar and egg well beaten. Mix and sift the dry ingredients, add them to the first mixture, then add the milk and last, the lemon juice and walnuts. Drop from a spoon on an ungreased baking pan one inch apart. Place one-half nut meat on the top of each and bake 12 to 15 minutes in a slow oven. This makes 24 cookies. The nuts should be measured before they are chopped.

Extravagant Young Folks.

A man who operates a soda fountain and ice cream stand was speaking the other day about prevailing habits of extravagance in connection with the cost of living.

He referred to certain young people who come into his place regularly. Some of them spend 25 cents several times a week for soft drinks and soda.

Formerly the soft drink habit was largely confined to the hot weather. The manufacturers of fruit syrups are too clever to allow their trade to sleep nine months of the year. Drinks move up in temperature as the thermometer goes down. The crowd of youth and military drivers constantly about the fountain of eternal fizz.

The friend referred to said of his certain knowledge that some of the families represented by these free spending young people are heavily in debt for groceries.

He used his point to contend that the "Cost of Living" is largely a phase gotten up by political agitators. If people had a normal amount of self-restraint, he said, they could live comfortably enough.

Without debating this somewhat threadbare yet ever vital problem, it may be remarked that present conditions give young people a lot of spending money. When they spend for pleasure, they should generously include friends. But they should spend wisely, remembering loving and sacrificing parents as well as pretty girls whose favor they wish to acquire.

It was not so many years ago that a boy who was just beginning work felt rich indeed when he connected weekly with a pay envelope providing him with five cents an hour for his labor. The boy of to-day usually expects about \$1 a day. He may pay something toward his board. But families are comparatively small nowadays. The average workingman perhaps receives no more toward family expenses from his children than his father used to get.

The young man who is spending his \$1 a week for soft drinks and other treats for his girl and boy friends, may come from a family that no longer can afford to have meat twice a day.

The fellow who does not follow docilely when his sweetheart leads him toward the ice cream stand is always called stingy. Perhaps it might be as well to inquire whether he may not be paying a considerable board bill so that a brother or sister can be educated, and so that the older folk may have food with some muscle in it.—Rutland Evening News.

Dorothy Dexter.

SUFFRAGETTES IN RIOT.

Break Up University Meeting Birrell Tries to Address.

London, Dec. 6.—A dozen more suffragettes were arrested yesterday for breaking up a meeting of university students gathered at Glasgow to listen to a speech by Augustine Birrell, secretary for Ireland.

The women had slipped into a gallery to the number of twenty or thirty, the moment the secretary began burst into such a chorus of shrieks of "votes for women" that the speaker was completely drowned out. Hundreds of students made a rush for the disturbers but the suffragettes resisted expulsion desperately.

A genuine battle ensued in which several of the women were very roughly handled. The students did not come out of the conflict entirely unscathed, a number suffering badly scratched faces and hands and severe batpin jabs.

The police were finally compelled to clear the hall.

Dartmouth Gets Paintings.

New York, Dec. 6.—The Metropolitan museum of art and Dartmouth college at Hanover, N. H., receive contingent interests in the paintings belonging to the estate of Mrs. Florence W. B. Platt, wife of a gold refiner.



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For aching, burning, tender feet, take a raw potato and rub over the feet night and morning. Bathing the feet in strong cold tea is also helpful. The worst soft corns yield to a treatment of ordinary salt, applied night and morning.

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